

DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket  
32801-164818

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES (Amended to "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING TRUST IN DIGITAL DATA FILES WITH CERTIFIABLE TIME" May 17, 2004), said application no. 09/609,646 having been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2000, and amended on May 17, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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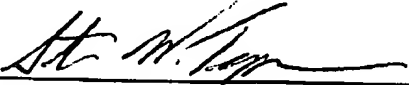
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